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<p align="center"><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Address to: <b>Mail Stop RCE</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number: 10/082,108	Confirmation Number: 2684
	Filing Date: February 26, 2002	
	First Named Inventor: Antonio SERRA	
	Group Art Unit: 1712	
	Examiner: SELLERS, Robert E.	
	Attorney Docket Number: 07040-0121	
Attorney Customer Number: 22,852		



**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.**

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (one Month) \$120.00

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$910.00 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

**Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required**

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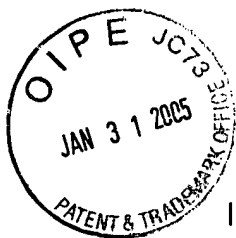
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Further to the Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and fee filed concurrently herewith, and in reply to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2004, the period for response having been extended to January 30, 2005, by a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are included on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper that begins at page 3. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14.

**Attachment:** Analytical Report by Nippon Zeon of Nipol EP 1072

Hawleys, CONDENSED CHEMICAL DICTIONARY, 1093 (14<sup>th</sup> Ed. 2002)